

WORSHIP WITH US!

Thursdays at 6:00pm w/Communion
Sundays at 8:00am & 10:30am
9:15am Sundays - Family Bible Hour for all ages

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OUR SAVIOR'S MESSENGER

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Dear Saints of Our Savior's:

Grace and peace to you from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Thank you for warmly welcoming me and my wife Gretchen as I have begun intentional interim ministry at Our Savior's. My role as intentional interim pastor is to help prepare Our Savior's for her next permanent pastor. An important part of our time together is getting used to having a new pastor after Pr. Powers' many faithful years of service through which God has blessed Our Savior's.

It is inevitable that with a change in pastoral leadership comes a sense of loss and uncertainty about the future. Intentional interim ministry helps to keep continuity in pastoral ministry even as changes take place in pastoral leadership. It should be obvious that no pastor is exactly alike, and so with a new pastor often comes the reaction "we've never done it that way before" (which isn't necessarily a bad way to react). Therefore, another benefit of interim ministry is to consider and experience different ideas and approaches to ministry on a temporary basis.

In addition to full-time, regular pastoral ministry (preaching, teaching, visitation), I will also help you identify the challenges and opportunities for ministry that will help both Our Savior's and the next permanent pastor determine priorities for ministry. To that end, in the coming weeks the church council will help me appoint 3-5 members who can serve on a "Transition Task Team." The Transition Task Team will do two things: 1) organize small group cottage meetings for entire congregation participation in order to identify ministry opportunities, and 2) provide feedback on the information gathered at the cottage meetings. Depending on the feedback we

receive at these meetings, we can then organize a call committee and begin the process of calling your next permanent pastor.

Next month I'll provide more information about the format and content of the cottage meetings. Until then, we'll get to know each other better as together we receive God's gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation through Word and Sacrament, and begin to intentionally identify ministry opportunities God has placed before Our Savior's.

This time of pastoral transition can be very helpful in the process of calling a permanent pastor. My prayer is that God continue His blessings through interim ministry and into the future through the next permanent pastor whom the Holy Spirit will place into the Office of the Holy Ministry at Our Savior's through the call of the congregation.

If you have any questions or comments about intentional interim ministry, please feel free to contact me at any time.

The Lord be with you!

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Regular Worship Hours Return

We begin our **regular worship hours on Sunday, September 11th, with services at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.** Our Family Bible Hour will also resume at 9:15 a.m. Worship services will also be held on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

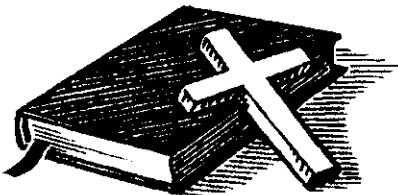
As the summer months conclude and the traditional vacation time comes to an end, we thank the many members who "made up" their weekly offerings while away from church. Realizing that the work of the Lord continues, even when one is not in church, is a blessing both to the congregation and to those who so graciously sent or dropped off their offerings. We encourage others to do the same, so you might also experience the joy of faithful management of all of the Lord's blessings. Again, thank you for your gifts motivated by your faith in Christ.

CEP Parent Orientation Meeting

Preparations are being made for another year of the Christian Education Program (CEP) at Our Savior's. Therefore, the Board of Christian Education and Pastor want you to know the following information.

A special CEP Orientation will be held on **Wednesday, September 7th at 6:00 p.m.** This meeting is **MANDATORY** for all students and at least one parent must be present before your child can start CEP on September 14th. At this meeting you will meet individually with your child's CEP teacher review the class requirements for your child's grade. Also, registration forms and fees must be completed and paid at the orientation and the 2015-2016 handbook will be distributed.

Our CEP staff looks forward to working with you and your child(ren). As we work together (and that's the key) we know that Christ will bless our Christian Education Program at Our Savior's. See you there!



Sunday School Begins

To introduce our Sunday School program to students, parents, and all who are interested, the Board of Christian Education and Sunday School staff will host a 'Welcome Fest' on Sunday, **September 11th** during the Sunday School hour. At **9:15 a.m.**, students and their parents will gather in the church for an opening devotion, singing, and an overview of the coming Sunday School year. Parents will receive a schedule with the dates for singing in church and the Christmas program rehearsal dates and times.

Following the opening in church, students and parents will go to the individual classrooms to meet their teachers. At this time, the teachers will introduce themselves and give a brief overview of the coming lessons. Books and activity sheets used in the classes will be on display. (Note: if you have special circumstances you wish to share with your child's teacher, please make arrangements to speak to her/him privately.)

Christian parents understand that parental participation is vital in the well-being of the church. The Sunday School staff values the opportunity to teach your children about Jesus the Savior. By working together and placing Christ at the center of what we teach, the Lord will bless our efforts.

Finally, the Board of Christian Education and Sunday School teachers hope that "Welcome Fest" enables your family to better know all the events that will take place in the coming year. We look forward to seeing you and your child(ren) at "Welcome Fest."

Adult Bible Class Begins

Join us for the Bible study "People Close to God." People Close to God is a study of the foundational teachings of Christianity. In this study you will find that the basics of Christianity still answer life's most perplexing problems. It also is a way to review what is most important in the life of a Christian and in the ministry of a congregation. The class begins Sunday, September 11th and meets at 9:15am in the fellowship hall. The same Bible study will take place on Monday, September 12th at 10:00am in the fellowship hall.

COME AND SING!

Sing a new song to the Lord - Psalm 149:1



Sing a familiar song to the Lord.

In choir, we do both.

Come join us to sing a new song or two.

Come and enjoy singing a familiar song.

Our first rehearsal is Wednesday, September 7th at 6:45 PM in the balcony. SURPRISE ME!! and just show up. Or call me at 467-4494 and tell me you are coming and your folder will be all ready for you.

Our choir is always accepting new voices and there is NO audition. God gave you a voice come praise the Lord with it.

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in His holy place. - Psalm 150:1

Come sing with us in church.

Mary/Martha News

The Mary Martha Guild will begin the 2016-2017 year on Tuesday, September 6th, by having a potluck buffet. All present members bring a dish to pass. Honorary members and the person who will bring them shall be our special guests.

Anyone else interested in joining our group please join us that day at 12:30pm to learn about our activities while enjoying the many goodies.

A short meeting will be held. Dues will be voted on.

See you there –

The Committee

Food Pantry Thank You

The following is from a family of Our Savior's who received a 4th of July food basket:

Thank you to Our Savior's Food Pantry. Thank you to everyone who donates food, money and their time to help my family with the gift of food. This means more than words could ever describe! God works through His people to help my husband & I to have food. Everything you all do for us is a really a great blessing.

Please continue to pray for my husband that he will be able to stay home as long as possible. Thank you.

Rummage Sale 2016

Did you know that 2016 Rummage Sale purposes is to assist youth & adult members of Our Savior's who attend an LCMS school with financial assistance? Since our renovation debt is paid, the purpose of our rummage sale is to assist members of Our Savior's who desire to attend an LCMS school, university or seminary. IF enough funds are not available from the Endowment Fund each year for the number of students applying for funds, monies from the rummage sale proceeds will assure every student who applies, will get financial assistance. Any questions you may have can be addressed to Bill or LouAnn Stroo (287-3090) or Helen or Janine Bergeron (457-0516). Thank you.

Can you help? The Rummage Sale will be on Friday, Oct. 7 & Saturday, Oct 8. We need your help both those days and the weeks leading up to the sale. We're looking for Kitchen Crew, Bake Sale goodies (and Table Monitors), Fryers, Cashiers, Baggers, Pack Up/Clean Up and people to monitor the following areas: Furniture, Jewelry, Clothing, Main Hall, Toys, Books/Audio/Video, Main Entrance, Main Exit, etc. A sign-up sheet will be posted soon. Please step forward and volunteer in your favorite area. Thank you in advance, 2016 Rummage Sale Co-chairs, Bill & LouAnn Stroo and Helen & Janine Bergeron.

A Note from the Parish Nurse

Dear Friends in Christ:

One of the keynote speakers at the parish nurse conference was Lt. Eduardo Garza, Jr., a highly decorated officer who had a 16 ½ year career. He now works for Concordia serving as Director of Veteran Services and the first CUW American Legion Post 1881 Commander.

His topic for the day was "A Military Family's Sacrifice: The Need for Support Before, During and After a Deployment."

He discussed how the family is affected pre-deployment. There are many tasks that need to be done before the soldier leaves. The family will need to have wills in place, make sure employers are meeting requirements, identify support systems, and have their finances and home in order.

He then went on as to how we can help a family during deployment. Offer to help (don't wait to be asked) with child care, make a meal, recognize sacrifice, include in family celebrations, and remember emotional needs.

Upon return, it is important to understand the effects of a deployment. The family will need time for reintegration. Large parties are stressful. Don't ask or discuss what they did, but recognize their sacrifice and let them know you support them. Many suffer from PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder).

Lt. Garza gave personal accounts of the many problems that occur during all of these stages of our service members lives. Please remember our troops and their families in your prayers.

Prayerfully submitted,
Deb Kuitert

Blood Pressure Screenings

Sept. 4th – 7:30-9:30am in the Lounge

OFFICE HOURS:

Mondays – 2:45-4:50pm

Thursdays – 4:00-5:50pm

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Endowment Fund

The purpose of the Endowment Fund is to aide in the ministry of Our Savior's Lutheran Church. A set of bylaws were established to administer those funds.

There are five members to the fund, each elected to a three year term and limited to two terms. Those interested in being a part of this unit are encouraged to contact the church president to submit their name. Election of members are at the October voters' meeting.

Funds are invested through Thrivent Financial and the interest from those funds are used for the ministry of Our Savior's, either through start up projects (parish nurse), music (donation to the organ fund), education (church workers and student aid), and other (non-budgeted items). Requests are made to the committee and they determine the allocation of funds. If funds are unavailable, dispersement is limited or stopped.

For that reason, it has been suggested that a special education fund should be set up to aide families with children enrolled in Christian schools. That fund would be supplemented through our rummage sale. This fund is for families enrolled in Lutheran education - grade schools, high schools, universities and seminaries. Any donations above those received from the rummage sale for the education project would also be made and are encouraged.

Questions about the Endowment Committee can be given to the church office.

Memorial Gifts

\$1040 to the organ fund in memory of Don Augustine

\$145 in memory of David Borgardt

\$365 in memory of Gottlieb Knaub

Our Savior's Christian Education Newsletter

September 2016

In Christ Alone. We Stand!

This was the theme of the 2016 LCMS National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, Louisiana. What a wonderful experience this was for our youth and adults who attended. The theme, In Christ Alone was used to teach us how we find Identity, Humility and Community in Christ. The Bible studies at the gathering focused on the Paul's letter to the Philippians. This short letter proclaims a very important message. It was written to encourage and strengthen the Christians in Philippi. Over the next several months, I will be sharing questions and verses and thoughts with you about different parts of our study of the book of Philippians. This would be a great way to begin reading and studying your Bible at home, if you don't do so already. We will begin with Identity.

Identity... In Christ Alone To live is Christ. Philippians 1:21A

Who are you? Sometimes we identify ourselves with our names. What does your name say about your identity? Sometimes we identify ourselves by the things we do. What types of activities / hobbies do you participate in? What does your participation in these activities say about your identity? Sometimes we try to capture our identity in pictures or through posts on social media. What do these things say about your identity?

We find and share our identity in many different ways. Our families help define us, as do our friends, our clubs, teams, groups and our accomplishments. Through social media we share bits and pieces of ourselves, trying to craft the perfect identity to share with others. But where do we find our true identity? When you take away the uniform, clubs and social media posts, who are you really?

Read Philippians 1:1 and think about these questions: What did Paul and Timothy call themselves? What did they call the Philippians? What does it mean to be a "saint"?

Saints and servants. We are saints, forgiven and free through faith in Jesus. And we are servants, called to serve the Lord Jesus by serving one another. This is further summarized in verse 21. This verse says our identity as a Christian is a gift from God. It was given to us in our baptism and is confirmed every time we receive forgiveness, and lived out in service to others.

CEP Orientation will be Wednesday, September 7th, at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Classes begin September 14th.

Sunday school will begin September 11th. There will be a brief meeting for parents interested at 9:15 on the 11th. This will be a time for you to meet your child's teacher and get the schedule of activities for your student.

God's Blessings on you as you begin a new school year. I pray for success for you all!

Information for the bible study was taken from the introductory Bible study from the LCMS National Youth Gathering Bible.

The following are reflections of the 2016 LCMS National Youth Gathering by some of our participants. Please look for our presentation to the church about our experience in mid September.

To put into words the incredible life-changing experience I encountered with 612 other YAV's (young adult volunteers) and 26,000 youth from all over the world simply cannot be done. From the moment the last gathering ended, the Lord put in my heart to serve as an YAV. I took a chance and applied and was accepted!! I was blessed to have the opportunity to be apart of such a wonderful gathering with making new friends that will last while experiencing the Lord's presence in New Orleans. Serving the youth and interacting with them on a daily basis while being able to watch them serve all for the Lord was a tremendous sight to see. The best way to describe the gathering is a experiencing a small part of heaven; worshipping and praising God with thousands of fellow believers. Breathtaking and a life-changing experience.

The LCMS National Youth Gathering was one of the best experiences of my life. Over the course of six days I grew stronger in my faith and closer to God as we learned about joy, righteousness, humility, community, and forgiveness through Christ alone. I made so many memories from this trip, but my favorite memory was at the beginning of each mass event when we would all sing, "In Christ Alone." When I looked around the dome and I saw all 25,000 participants singing and clapping, it was absolutely amazing. I feel so blessed to have had this wonderful opportunity!

When the idea first came to me two years ago to go to the National youth gathering, I didn't know what to expect. As the days grew closer to leave I became much more anxious and excited to have the opportunity to hear the word of the Lord with 25,000 other Lutherans surrounding me. When I arrived to NOLA and we went to the first mass event I was almost overwhelmed looking around the stadium seeing 25,000 other youth here for same reason as me. Hearing Pastor Matt talk was such an eye opening experience. I feel the sermon that impacted me the most was the one he gave on the first night. Pastor Matt talked about joy. Before this sermon I often times thought joy and happiness were the same thing. However I was wrong, Joy is found in Christ alone where as happiness comes and goes. Bible study was another area that impacted me a lot. Pastor G one day made us write how we see ourselves, how others see us, and finally aspects of our identity we were trying to keep apart from Christ. Through this task, it made me realize that when we keep things from Christ we are not being honest or true to him or ourselves. As the days continued and I went to different areas in the convention center, I continually learned new things, met new people who influenced me greatly, but most importantly I continued to strengthen my relationship with God. Upon returning from this experience not only has my faith strengthened immensely, but I also built a much better relationship with fellow Lutherans and God. I now realize that being a Lutheran isn't just about how often you go to church or how much you read the bible but its much much deeper than that. I can proudly say my faith has been strengthened and my relationship with God has never been stronger. I would like to thank all of the congregation who

made this trip possible by supporting us, thinking of us, and praying for us. This truly was an unforgettable experience.

The trip to New Orleans was an amazing experience for me to witness. And although going on a swamp tour, holding an alligator and shopping at the French Market were great... My favorite part would have to be strengthening my faith IN CHRIST ALONE. The one huge thing that I will take from this trip would be that everything is achievable through Christ alone and he is the one and only person who can take away your troubles. I plan on attending the the 2019 National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis Minnesota as a Young Adult Volunteer (YAV). I would like to thank the congregation of Our Savior's for being witnesses in my faith and sending me on this wonderful journey. Thank you and God Bless!

Pastoral Acts

Funeral

Mr. Donald Augustine

Died: July 30, 2016

Laid to Rest: August 2, 2016

Baptisms

Exavior Maxwell Metzner

Son of Damion Metzner and Lauren Gartman

July 30, 2016

Brayden Nicholas Reisinger

Son of Nick Volgman and Vicki Reisinger

August 7, 2016

Alexa Lily Tejada

Daughter of Jesus Tejada and Kristin Gartman

July 30, 2016

Jordyn Riley Woitekaitis

Daughter of Tom Woitekaitis and

Julie Reisinger

August 7, 2016

Kaitlyn Grace Schmitt

Daughter of Robert Schmitt and Janelle Masbruch

July 31, 2016

Brantley James Collier

Son of Nick and Danielle (Firgens) Collier

August 7, 2016

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>4 7:30-9:30am Blood Pressure Screening 8:00am Divine Worship with Communion 9:30am Divine Worship</p>	<p>5 Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>6 12:30pm Mary Martha 6:30pm Board Meetings</p>	<p>7 6:00pm CEP Orientation 6:45pm Choir</p>	<p>1 4:00-5:50pm Parish Nurse 6:00pm Divine Worship with Communion</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>11 8:00am Divine Worship 9:15am Family Bible Hour 10:30am Divine Worship with Communion & Bible distribution for CEP & Sunday School</p>	<p>12 10:00am Bible Class 2:45pm-4:50pm Parish Nurse 6:30pm Council</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 9:00am Quilters 3:30pm CEP 5:45pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir</p>	<p>15 4:00-5:50pm Parish Nurse 6:00pm Divine Worship with Communion NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE</p>	<p>16 5:00pm Pitsch Wedding Rehearsal</p>	<p>17 1:00pm Pitsch Wedding</p>
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